

HOUSE BILL NO. 326

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE RAUSCHER

Introduced: 2/15/24

Referred: House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to cross-deputization agreements with federally recognized tribes and**
2 **peace officers employed by federally recognized tribes."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 18.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Article 9A. Cross-Deputization Agreements.**

6 **Sec. 18.65.690. Cross-deputization agreements.** (a) The Department of
7 Public Safety or a municipal police force may enter into a cross-deputization
8 agreement with a federally recognized tribe or a peace officer employed by a federally
9 recognized tribe who is not employed as a village or regional public safety officer
10 under AS 18.65.670 - 18.65.688 only if the agreement does not grant an expansion of
11 the tribe's or peace officer's criminal jurisdiction or authority over nontribal members
12 on nontribal land.

13 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the Department of Public Safety and
14 members of the state troopers may command assistance from a tribal peace officer

1 under AS 18.65.100.

2 (c) In this section,

3 (1) "cross-deputization agreement" means an agreement that authorizes
4 peace officers employed by a federally recognized tribe to enforce state, municipal,
5 and tribal criminal law outside of the tribe's criminal jurisdiction;

6 (2) "federally recognized tribe" has the meaning given in
7 AS 23.20.520.

8 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
9 read:

10 APPLICABILITY. AS 18.65.690, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to cross-
11 deputization agreements entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.